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In re the application of:) Group Art Unit:
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Kikuo YAMADA)
) Examiner: Unknown
Serial No.10/577,362)
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Filed: April 28, 2006)

For: **CLEANER**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98. Please note the following particulars:

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- ☒ a. The enclosed statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application, or within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.
- ☐ b. The enclosed statement is being filed after a first action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311.

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- ☐ i. a certification in part (e) below as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), or
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☐ CERTIFICATION is attended to in box (e) below.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with their obligation under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants would like to call the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached form SB-08A (1 page).

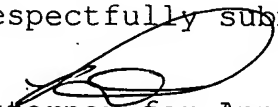
Applicants note that the documents listed on the form SB-08A were cited in the corresponding Japanese national application No. 2005-515134.

Copies of the references and English language translations are being provided for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants are not aware at this time of any other

prior art which could be considered to be relevant to the present application.

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